

**PATENT**

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**COMBINED DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY**

☐ PROVISIONAL 35 USC 111(b) ☒ ORIGINAL/REGULAR 35 USC 111(a),  
☐ DESIGN ☐ NATIONAL STAGE OF PCT ☐ DIVISIONAL  
☐ CONTINUATION OR ☐ CIP APPLICATION

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

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**INVENTORSHIP IDENTIFICATION**

**WARNING:** If the inventors are each not the inventors of all the claims, an explanation of the facts, including the ownership of all the claims at the time the last claimed invention was made, should be submitted.

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name, I believe I am the original, first and joint inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

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**SPECIFICATION IDENTIFICATION**

the specification of which: (complete (a), (b) or (c))

- (a) XXX is attached hereto.  
(b) ☐ was filed on \_\_\_\_\_ as Application Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_ and was amended on \_\_\_\_\_ (if applicable).

NOTE: Amendments filed after the original papers are deposited with the PTO which contain new matter are not accorded a filing date by being referred to in the declaration. Accordingly, the amendments involved are those filed with the application papers or, in the case of a supplemental declaration, are those amendments claiming matter not encompassed in the original statement of invention or claims. See 37 CFR 1.67.

**PCT FILED APPLICATION ENTERING NATIONAL STAGE**

- (c) ☐ was described and claimed in International Application No. \_\_\_\_\_ filed on \_\_\_\_\_ and as amended on \_\_\_\_\_ (if any).

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF REVIEW OF PAPERS AND DUTY OF CANDOR**

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations. § 1.56(a).

[XX] In compliance with this duty there is attached an information disclosure statement 37 CFR 1.97.

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## PRIORITY CLAIM

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, § 119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed.

(complete (d) or (e))

- (d) [ XX ] no such applications have been filed.  
(e) [ ] such applications have been filed as follows

### EARLIEST U.S. PROVISIONAL APPLICATION(S), IF ANY FILED WITHIN 12 MONTHS

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ALL FOREIGN APPLICATION(S), IF ANY FILED MORE THAN 12 MONTHS  
(6 MONTHS FOR DESIGN) PRIOR TO SAID APPLICATION

### DIVISIONAL, CONTINUATION OR CONTINUATION-IN-PART (CIP)

(complete this part only if this is a divisional, continuation, or CIP application)

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, § 120 of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, § 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56(a) which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

(U.S. application Serial No.) (Filing Date) (Status) (patented, pending, abandoned)

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(complete item below and add 35 USC 119 claim, if applicable)

- ☐ The attached 35 USC 119 claim for foreign priority for the U.S. application(s) listed above forms a part of this declaration.

### POWER OF ATTORNEY

As a named inventor, I hereby appoint the following attorney(s) and/or agent(s) to prosecute this application and transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith. (List name and registration number)

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### DECLARATION

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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